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SUBJ: BREZHNEV

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C. NATO SITCEN 2403, DATED 24 JANUARY 1975 (NOTAL) OR AS(75)12

1. ON JANUARY 28, POLADS RETURNED TO DISCUSSION OF BREZHNEV'S HEALTH AND FUTURE OF HIS POLICIES. CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) NOTED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD DISTRIBUTED VIA NATO-WIDE NET AN EXPANDED VERSION OF CANADIAN REPORT OF PREVIOUS WEEK (REF B). EXPANDED ASSESSMENT ENTITLED "BREZHNEV'S POSITION AND THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THE USSR" IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AS REF C.

2. UK REP (MARGETSON) DISTRIBUTED LONGER STUDY ON "SUCCESSION TO BREZHNEV" PRIOR TO SESSION (SEPAIR). AT POLADS HE MERELY REFERRED TO THE LONGER STUDY AND ADDED THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHT OPINIONS DRAWN FROM A REPORT FROM UK EMBASSY MOSCOW:

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A) UK HAS NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE ON CURRENT STATE OF BREZHNEV'S HEALTH;

B) SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES ATTEMPT TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT EVERYTHING IS SAME;

C) SOVIET OFFICIALS, IN PRIVATE AND IN PUBLIC, ARE

BUSILY EMPHASIZING THAT SOVIET ACTION REGARDING U.S. TRADE  
ACT HAS NO EFFECT ON DETENTE;

D) WHILE SOME DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW HAVE  
DETECTED HARDENING OF SOVIET POSITION, UK AMBASSADOR SEES  
NOTHING CONCLUSIVE TO PROVE SUCH IS THE CASE.

3. NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) REMARED THAT A SUMMARY REPORT FROM HIS  
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW REACHED SAME CONCLUSIONS AS THE UK REPORT.BRUCE

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